

SAYS GERMANY
MUST DISARM
IMMEDIATELY

Paris, France, Dec. 18.—Gen. Castelnau, president of the army commission, interpellating premier Leger on the resignation of H. Lefevre, war minister, said:

"The fear of former minister Lefevre would be justified if Germany were not disarmed. We are the premier: Is Germany disarmed or is a fair way of disarmament? If not, why are you waiting to perform the operation, which this chamber has been requesting unceasingly the past year?"

"We must end at least temporarily, the military power of Germany and this is for us long a period as possible. If Germany has not been disarmed, she must be disarmed immediately. Germany is a troublemaker power and is opposing resistance to execution of the treaty. The reparations question is unsolved, although the treaty requires that Germany was defeated. France cannot reduce her military expenses without sacrificing the highest national interests, until Germany is disarmed."

The whole chamber applauded Gen. Castelnau, including the Socialists. Premier Leger, replying, said the military bill, which caused the resignation of M. Lefevre, was the result of perfect France, and had been informed by Marshal Foch, Joffre and Poincaré and Gen. Mangin, Buxi, Debussy, Weygand and others.

These eminent chiefs, to whom we owe victory, see no danger for the national defense in the present bill, premier Leger said. "In Germany totally disarmed? No, is also in a fair way to disarm."

The premier added that Germany has surrendered 80,000 guns and destroyed 25,000 machine guns and 100,000 rifles and destroyed 2,500,000. "France's position is secure against German aggression," M. Leger declared. "And France also is capable of restoring tranquility of the treaty."

McCLINTOCK IN BACK.

Lon R. McClintock, brother of county judge R. R. McClintock, former manager of the Texas branch of Crawford Thacker in El Paso, is back here after a stay of five years in Ohio. He says that he has sold out the largest part of their forces and that with a full force at an early date.

TEXANS PLAN
TO BUILD BIG
WOOL PLANT

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 18.—Sheepmen from every section of Texas met here today and considered proposals for the construction of a wool plant or collection of what is known as the wool plant, which was planned to be the largest wool warehouse in America. The scheme was not to be a holding movement, but a step forward in a new marketing plan, it was said.

FOOD, CLOTHES
SHOW BIG DROP
AT WHOLESALE

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—The prices of commodities were lower last month than at any time since the war, according to figures announced by the department of labor. The wholesale price index dropped 2 percent more in November than in the preceding month and 24 percent below the peak of 1919. The department says.

Of the 22 commodities used in the construction of the index, 19 showed a decrease, 41 an increase and 27 were unchanged.

Building materials registered a drop of 12 percent in November and farm products were down with a drop of 3 percent. Clothing costs dropped 2 percent, while food products dropped 4 percent.

Within the last year wholesale food prices have dropped 11 percent, the department says. The price of wheat has gone down 28 percent, while farm products show a decrease of 22 percent.

In the wholesale price of all commodities was registered as compared with November, 1919.

TEXAS PRISONS BUY MILL
AND WILL CRUSH COTTONSEED

Austin, Texas, Dec. 18.—For a consideration of \$125,000 the state prison commission has purchased the property of the Fort Bend Cottonseed Oil company at Richmond. The commission will operate the plant, crushing cottonseed obtained from cotton grown on the different state farms. This is the first time in the history of the prison commission that it has operated an industry of this character.

WOULD LEASE
HOSPITAL FOR
DISABLED MEN

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—After hearing charges of ill treatment and improper housing of disabled ex-soldiers, 10,000 of whom were reported to be suffering in state hospitals and poor houses, the house committee on public buildings voted to report favorably the bill authorizing the government to lease a proposed \$2,000,000 hospital to be erected in New York city by the state government.

Under the bill, the government would pay the state an annual rental of 10 percent a year on the cost of construction. Estimates were submitted showing that the annual rental would total the actual cost of \$2,000,000 in the ten year lease period specified in the bill.

R. H. Bland, of the national legislative committee of the American legion, who appeared before the committee to discuss the condition of disabled service men in state and county institutions, charged that New York was profiting to the extent of \$200,000 a year on eight hundred totally disabled men turned out to the state institutions by the federal government.

Cook county, Illinois, was pointed to by the witness as another instance of what he described as profiteering under the present system of the national government turning disabled service men over to state and county institutions.

Disabled veterans, he said, were being cared for by institutions in Cook county at an expense to the government of from \$2.50 to \$3.50 a day each while the cost to the institutions was only one dollar a day.

In the southwestern states, Mr. Bland said, there were not even poor house accommodations for disabled ex-soldiers.

BITS OF BYPLAY.
By LUKE McLUKE

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OUCH!

Here's a dandy one, eh?

And he tries to get like a fox? When you look at him, gee! It's a joy to see.

That there's plenty of room at the top.

CHEER UP!

The Red Boy threw a snowball at the Optimist and knocked the Optimist's hat into the street.

"Oh, well," smiled the Optimist, as he brushed the snow off his hat, "youth will have its fling."

STRAIGHT!

"This is a strange world, seems to me," remarked Woodchopper Tappi.

"For each time I chop down a tree, I have to chop it up."

DENSE.

"Don't you know that the population of London is more dense than that of New York?" remarked the Englishman.

"That's true," replied the American. "I have often tried to make a Londoner see the point of a New York joke."

CHANGED.

"Will you be so kind as to use to say," "Tense the proposal yesterday. But equal outrage have endured. And he said: 'Can I be your?'"

MEAN BRUTE.

"Love is a beautiful thing," Mr. Oldrich grumbled.

"Maybe that is why lovers make signs of themselves."

THE LOVELY ROAD.

Remembered the cheerful General House: "For it is plain to see, by flag, it goes from place to place alone."

HUMAN NATURE.

(Symposium News-Journal.)

John McNamee says it's the fellow who hasn't any salary to pay who is in favor of raising 'em. And it's the fellow who hasn't any clothing on hand at high prices who is yelling about cutting the liver out of the price to get rid of the stuff!

THE HORRORS OF HAIKEN JACK.

Up in Texas country, Ohio, they are seeing wildcats as big as calves, with eyes as big as saucers.

ATTA BOY!

Oh, Edison, are you before the law? And you fell flat! Invent for us a harmless dog. Also a harmless cat.

And when you're regulated, man. You'll be a regular life.

We pray you to see if you can invent a speechless wife.

HO, HUM!

You will find it close to Gray's Bluff: "Full many a flower is born to blush unseen and waste its sweetness on the desert air. But what we started to say was that Will L. Bloom and his daughter, Nettie Mae Bloom, live in Swine Valley, near Hillsboro, Ohio."

THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT.

Inheritance taxes can be paid with Liberty bonds at their full valuation.

IS THAT SO?

Luke McNamee is a funny case. He has never known defeat. If you want to hear him out, say you're dry when Luke you meet.

NO SHOOTING ALLOWED.

H. L. Kline will take charge of the K. L. at Elkin, N. C., January 1, 1921.

QUICK, DOC, THE PEPIN!

Hanretty Brick lives in Hamilton, Ohio.

NAMES IS NAMES.

Leads: Bell lives in Frankfurt, Ind.

OUR DAILY SPECIAL.

Be As Good As Your Word—But See That Your Word Is Good.

LEWIS McNamee SAYS.

Women have more courage than men. A man would dare go out on the street half naked in zero weather.

Talk to a modern young man about burning the midnight oil and he'll think you are referring to gasoline.

Sometimes or other it doesn't take a man long to get short these days. Women are lightning creatures. Maybe that is the reason why they are always harping.

It may seem paradoxical. But it takes a certain amount of vanity to feel that you have not lived in vain. It has just about got so that a woman feels uncomfortable in shoes that are large enough for her.

The trouble with the man who can talk like a book is that you can't shut him up like a book.

You have to marry a girl to discover that she isn't as sweet as she looks. And some girls would make better housekeepers if they knew as much about Pastry as they do about Pansy-moonshine.

Another Dumb! Once upon a time a wife lost the use of her tongue through lack of it.

A cross widow never gets so dependent that she puts "Keep Off the Grass" signs in front of her home.

The trouble with trying to get a conversation with some men is that they do not know the difference between a conversation and a monologue.

If a white horse has to work for a living he always looks as if he should be sent to the laundry.

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SPECIAL NOTE: Earlier in the season \$125.00 would have been regarded as a most moderate price for any one of these models.

EXTRA SPECIAL EXTRA SPECIAL EXTRA SPECIAL

We continue for the final 5 shopping days, the remarkable values on women's suits, coats and dresses at—\$25.00.

Our Christmas stock of furs and fur coats offers ample choice in wonderful values at one-half regular prices.

Evening dresses to wear to the opera and other formal occasions are now offered at just one-half regular prices.

Blankets—

Blankets And Auto Robes

Blankets and auto robes occupy an important place on the gift list. This is especially true when you can buy blankets and auto robes at prices quoted next week. The declining market and warm weather have combined to lower the prices on blankets. Instead of waiting to take our loss at the close of the season, we will give Christmas buyers the full benefit of sacrifice prices.

We haven't space for minute descriptions, but below we mention a few groups which give you a wide range of choice and prices:

GROUP NO. 1: Consists of high class beacons and wool nap plain color and plaid double blankets, also wool processed plaid double blankets with ribbon binding and single plaid or plain color comfortable. All full bed size. Values to \$9.50. Christmas Special \$5.95

GROUP NO. 2: Consists of several styles plaid, plain grey and white wool double blankets, also high grade Beacon plaid double blankets. Values to \$12.50. Christmas Special \$7.95

GROUP NO. 3: Consists of several numbers of extra heavy white wool double blankets and the highest type of Beacon double \$9.95

GROUP NO. 4: Consists of high class wool double blankets in white and plaids offering a number of equal values in desirable styles to select from. Values to \$16.50. Christmas special at \$11.95

GROUP NO. 5: Consists of white and plaid wool double blankets of fine texture and elastic touch, all even values with a variety of types to select from. Values to \$19.50. Christmas special at \$14.50

Prices on all higher grade blankets cut in the same radical manner for quick disposal.

Auto Robes

All wool fringed auto robes in pretty plaids, either alike on both sides or with plaid face with plain color on reverse side.

Christmas special at \$9.50, \$12.50, \$16.50, \$18.50, \$19.50 and \$27.50.

Art fur auto robes in any wanted color comprising the newest novelties in fancy weaves of plush and art fur.

Christmas special at \$19.00, \$21.00, \$25.00, \$29.00, \$31.00, \$39.00 and \$47.50.

—Bedding Dept.—3rd Floor.

Christmas Slippers For All

For Men And Boys

SLIPPERS—the comfy, cozy footwear for men are always well chosen Christmas gifts. They serve as a year round daily reminder of your good wishes and their usefulness is unquestioned. We have complete stocks in Romeo, Opera and Everett styles in both leather and felt.

LEATHER SLIPPERS

We are featuring slippers for men and boys in fine black and brown leather with turned soles. Specially priced at \$3.50.

Fine wine calf skin or soft brown kid—kid lined opera—at \$6.

FELT SLIPPERS

We are showing men's brown or grey felt slippers with leather soles and heels. Slip—1 at \$2.00.

COMFY SLIPPERS

We offer men's comfy slippers at \$2.50. Tailored styles in grey, wine, brown, blue and tanpe, grey and red, green and red and blue and tanpe combi—1 are priced at \$2.75 and \$3.00. Boys' and little men's slippers are priced at \$1.95 and \$2.25.

—2d Floor

Luggage Shop

A FULLY equipped wardrobe trunk or a beautifully fitted traveling bag or suitcase is a really worthwhile gift. It is not necessarily expensive, as you will find. The prices range from \$39.50 to \$99.50.

Christmas Candies

Candy, of course, is the big Christmas item. For the final five days the Shop O'Sweets, now located in the Toy Annex, will serve you best. Handsome holiday packages filled with the most delicious confections will be found in a wide variety of combinations. Shop O'Sweets will gladly assist you in securing Christmas candy.



Store Notes

The U. S. Parcel Post Station is located on the 2nd floor at the entrance of the Toy Annex. Early morning mailing is advised.

The Popular will not be open evenings previous to Christmas, but our after supper Christmas telephone shopping service will accommodate you each evening until 8:00 o'clock.

We again ask your Christmas cooperation—to shop in the morning hours and carry your small packages.

Our advertisement in Monday's Herald in connection with the Toys Department will be one of the most interesting of our final Christmas announcements.

Give Her a Hoover

This is our final Christmas Hoover Ad.

Our allotment of 90 Hoovers for the month of December is almost sold out. To avoid disappointment, we suggest that you arrange for your Christmas Hoover at once.

Then, too, this is the last chance to install a Hoover in your home for \$5.00 Down

The balance can be paid in installments of \$3.00 per month. This special inducement is for the month of December only. Remember, the Hoover will pay for itself in a year's time, and will last you a lifetime.

—Hoover Dept.—4th Floor

EXTRA SPECIAL Drapery Dept.

For Monday's selling we offer 500 yards of fancy satin in pretty floral patterns. This satin is 36 inches wide and very desirable for making curtains and draperies. This sale regularly up to \$1.00 per yard. Monday only, per yard, 49c

Doll Bonnets 15c

Our free distribution of doll bonnets expired Saturday. We have had so many requests for these doll bonnets that they will be supplied next week at the nominal price of..... 15c

—4th Floor

Extra Special TWO UNUSUAL VALUES IN THE BEDDING SECTION

For Monday's selling we offer choice of four standard brands of heavy sheets.

Size \$1200 in. at..... \$1.85

Size \$1200 in. at..... \$1.98

We offer pillow cases in all standard sizes and first quality.

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Lot No. 2, each..... 40c

—4th Floor

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